GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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BLOOD BANKING POLICY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Shift in Blood Banking Policy` appearing in the Statesman dated October 12, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the blood banks in the Capital have adopted a steady approach towards rational blood banking;

(c) if so, whether most of the banks remain in shortage of blood in the Capital;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard;

(e) whether the WHO has called standard of 78:22 ratio blood components; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The blood banks in the capital are making efforts to increase the proportion of voluntary blood donation and also promote rational use of blood by clinicians through awareness building and provision of blood components.

(c) & (d) There is no overall shortage of blood in the country, however, there could be seasonal and occasional shortages of blood in different parts of the country.

For generating enough blood through Voluntary Blood Donation Programme, the Government of India have taken a number of steps such as media campaign through TV, AIR and newspaper; developing IEC material for one-to-one communitation; observation of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day on 1st October every year; encouraing rational use of blood among clinicians and the launching of special campaigns to educate masses to support voluntary blood donations.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.